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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)REPORT NO. 29TOPIC Central Medical Supply Depot of the Volkspolizei near Bad Schandau.EVALUATION see below

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after the war in the former army ration supply depot, about 3 km west-northwest of Bad Schandau on the Elbe River, were evicted in the middle of June. After the firms shipped out all their machinery, an advance detail of the Volkspolizei moved into the former army ration supply depot.

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2. In mid-October 1951, a medical supply depot of the HVA was located in the area of the former harbor of Bad Schandau. Its postal address was Central Medical Supply Depot, Rathmannsdorf.

3. Security measures at this depot were extraordinarily strict and numerous. The entrance to the harbor was blocked, the hills north of the depot were patrolled by VPs and those on the other side of the Elbe River, south of the depot, were guarded by sentries equipped with telescopes. The depot area was off limits to civilians. Depot personnel were allowed to leave the depot only after clearance by the depot commandant.

4. Personnel in Bad Schandau

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5. A mobilization order by the HVA for this depot provided that, in case of emergency, the stocks of the depot were to be loaded on river barges within seven hours and hauled upstream to Czechoslovakia.

* Comment. refer to the same installation. From the security measures, it is concluded that the installation not only contains stocks of medical supplies, but also weapons and equipment. This is confirmed in August 1951 that virtually all stocks of the former Central Supply Depot in Berlin-Friedrichsfelde had been moved to Bad Schandau.

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